

*[English]***Acquisition of Ships on Lease**

5913. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal for engaging ships on lease instead of outright acquisition thereof under the new shipping policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, In the context of foreign exchange crunch, Government has been considering a proposal for permitting the shipping companies to acquire ships through cross border leasing. The details in this regard are yet to be finalized.

**Divisional Office of LIC in Nanded,
Maharashtra**

5915. SHRIMATISURYAKANTAPATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch offices of Life Insurance Corporation of India functioning in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra;

(b) the quantum of business received, in terms of number of policies and the sum assured from Aurangabad Division of LIC, during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether there is a proposal to set up a Divisional Office of Life Insurance Corporation of India at Nanded; and

(d) if so, the likely date by which it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Twenty.

(b) The quantum of business in terms of number of policies and the sum assured from Aurangabad Division of LIC year-wise during the last three years is as under:-

| | <i>Sum Assured (Rs. in Lakh)</i> | <i>No. of Policies</i> |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1988-89 | 17570 | 67956 |
| 1989-90 | 25029 | 86349 |
| 1990-91 | 30052 | 102313 |

District-wise position is as under:-

| <i>District</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>Sum assured (Rs. in Lakh)</i> | <i>No. of Policies</i> |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Aurangabad | 1988-89 | 4132 | 15818 |
| | 1989-90 | 5765 | 19551 |